



Northern Great Plains Network

Inventory and Monitoring Monthly Report

October 2004



Inventory Project Final Report Due Dates: December 31, 2004 is the due date for all the final reports for the inventory projects and the butterfly studies. The parks that will be receiving the final reports are:

Project	Bird Inventory by Panjabi	Mammal Inventory by Schmidt	Herpetofauna Inventory by Smith	Plant Inventory by Heidel	Plant Inventory by Godfread	Plant Inventory by Kottas	Various Butterfly Studies
Agate Fossil Beds		X					X
Badlands							
Devils Tower	X	X	X				X
Fort Laramie	X	X	X	X			X
Fort Union Trading Post	X	X	X		X		X
Jewel Cave	X	X	X				X
Knife River Indian Villages	X	X	X				X
Missouri NRR		X	X			X	
Mt. Rushmore	X	X	X				X
Niobrara			X				
Scotts Bluff		X	X				X
Theodore Roosevelt							
Wind Cave	X	X					

As soon as we get these inventory reports we will start working with the principal investigators to certify the species data in NPSpecies (in some cases we've already started). Once certified, the data in NPSpecies will be the official species list for the parks.

Non-Biological Inventories: As you may recall, the non-biological inventories (e.g., soil, air, geology, water mapping) are being conducted by WASO. WASO has recently updated the database that tracks the status of those inventories. To see the status for your park go to: <http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/inventory/status/index.htm>

Quickbird Satellite Imagery: A reminder that we now have all of the Quickbird satellite imagery that we ordered for Devils Tower NM, Fort Laramie NHS, Fort Union Trading Post, NHS, Jewel Cave NM, Knife River Indian Villages NHS, and Mt. Rushmore NMEM. Contact Joel Brumm if you would like the imagery in either digital format or printed out as large format maps. The I&M Program as well as other programs (e.g., Northern Great Plains Exotic Plant Management Team) have found the imagery extremely useful for a variety of purposes.

I&M Program Personnel: Effective October 1, Marcia Wilson (I&M Program Biological Technician) will be job shared at a 50:50 split between the I&M Program and Mt. Rushmore NMEM. This is a win-win situation. It gives the park a dedicated natural resource specialist that they sorely need and it provides the I&M Program flexibility in

the FY05 budget. Also, Erin Handberg (Computer Assistant: STEP hire) has separated from the program. Erin did an excellent job developing our web page, but our uncertainties with the FY05 budget and her class schedule made it necessary to terminate the position.